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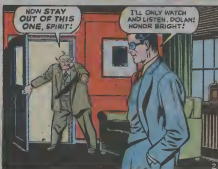


Here's a GOOD LOOK at two crooks the Cops have yearned to see...

AIN'T NO LOCK I CAN'T JIMMY OPEN, SNICK!

LET ME AT THE SAFE WITH THIS SOUP!







HE LOOKS PEACEFUL, HAPPY--  
AFTER THAT BAWLING OUT  
COLAN GAVE HIM!



THAT'S THE KIND  
OF STUB I WOULD  
NEVER  
KISS UP!



Moments later, at the  
rear of the building...

NOW TO PRY  
OPEN THIS  
BACK DOOR...

HEY! SOME-  
BODY LEFT THE  
WINDOW OPEN  
FOR US!



A DROP OF  
SOUP WILL  
OPEN THAT  
SAFE LIKE --

YOU DON'T  
HAFTA!  
THE JERKS  
LEFT IT  
OPEN!



GREETINGS! I  
JIMMIED MY WAY  
IN AHEAD OF YOU!  
DON'T I LOOK  
LIKE SOMETHING  
PRECIOUS?

THE  
SPIRIT!



SET DOWN THAT  
BOTTLE! WE DON'T  
WANT ANY LOUD  
NOISES!

GIVE HIM  
THE BLADE,  
STUB!

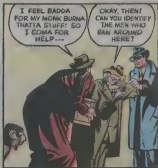


NO! NO CUTLERY!  
LET'S JUST KNUCKLE  
IT OUT -- TWO  
AGAINST ONE!











# JONESY

By **DIB**





by  
Will Eisner

WHY WE COME  
HEAN, SO FAR  
FROM CENTRAL  
CITY, MIST'  
SPIRIT BOSS?

BECAUSE  
THE CENTRAL  
CITY POLICE  
HAVE NO  
AUTHORITY  
TO FOLLOW  
**BIG JAKE  
GOOLEY**  
BEYOND THE  
CITY LIMITS.  
BUT WE CAN!



YOU LIVE AROUND  
HERE? WE CAME  
TO FIND **BIG  
JAKE GOOLEY!**

GOOLEY?  
GUY ABOUT  
HALF A HEAD  
TALLER'N  
YOU?...  
**SWAMP  
GOT HIM!**



YOU MEAN HE  
NEVER CAME  
BACK OUT OF  
IT?... WHY  
IS IT CALLED  
**DIAMOND  
SWAMP?**

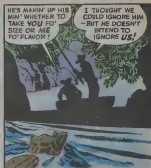
I HEAR  
TELL THEY'S  
DIAMONDS  
IN IT!...  
PLENTY GO  
SEE--BUT  
NEVER COME  
BACK!

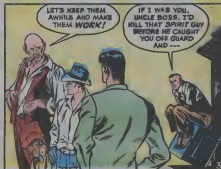
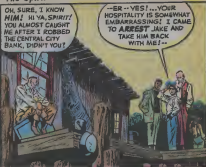


WILL YOU  
RENT ME  
YOUR BOAT  
SO I CAN  
LOOK FOR  
GOOLEY?

NOPE! I'LL  
SELL IT TO  
YOU -- CUZ  
I DON' NEVER  
EXPECT TO  
SEE IT OR YOU  
AGIN!











S-SORRY, UNCLE BOSS!

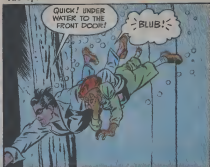






WIST' SPIRIT  
BOSS, AM I  
AFRAID IT'S  
THE END FO'  
US!

NO, EBONY! THIS  
SHOWS US OUR  
WAY OUT!



QUICK! UNDER  
WATER TO THE  
FRONT DOOR!

BLUB!



THEY'LL BE  
BURNT TO  
CINDERS!

UNCLE BOSS,  
YOU LEFT THE  
GAS-RUNNING!  
--THE FIRE'S  
COMING UP  
TO US!



JAKE!  
KILLED!

A BLOW LIKE  
THAT I TAKE FROM  
NOBODY -- NOT  
EVEN UNCLE  
BOSS!



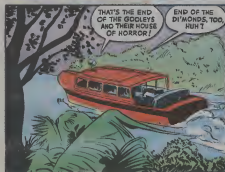
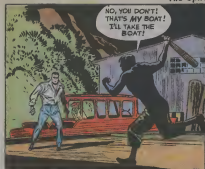
NO, ESAU!  
NO!



AT THE FRONT  
OF THE HOUSE...

THE GASOLINE GAVE AWAY  
THE SECRET! THEY HAVE A  
MOTOR BOAT--IT WILL  
GET US ACROSS THE  
SWAMP! START IT  
UP, EBONY!





# Flatfoot BURNS

STAR  
DETECTIVE

LONGITUDE  
16½°  
TIED UP,  
CHIEF!

by  
AL STAHL

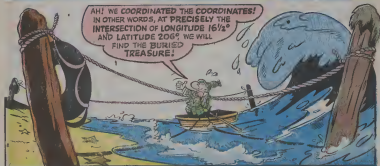
RIGHT!



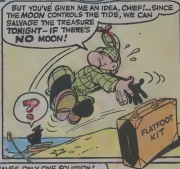
LATITUDE  
206°  
COMING UP!

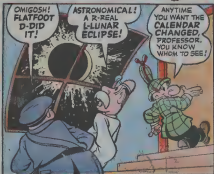
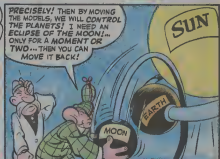


WE  
GOT IT,  
FLATFOOT!

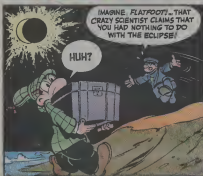
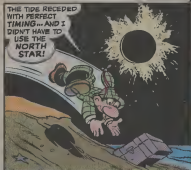


AH! WE COORDINATED THE COORDINATES!  
IN OTHER WORDS, AT PRECISELY THE  
INTERSECTION OF LONGITUDE 16½°  
AND LATITUDE 206°, WE WILL  
FIND THE BURIED  
TREASURE!









# The Galloping Ghost

THE house stood back from the street, shadowed by swaying trees, crouching like a dark menace behind its sagging fence. A stray beam of moonlight, slipping through the tatters of scudding clouds, fell upon the pale shafts of tombstones in the cemetery beyond. A rising wind whistled eerily through the trees, rattling the dead autumn leaves, tapping a sinister message of disaster from bony branch to bony branch.

Ebony White, small and very frightened, pushed against the legs of his idol and protector, The Spirit. "Mist' Spirit Boss," Ebony pleaded, "does we have to go into dat haunted house at dis time o' night? 'Cain't we hunt ghosts—ifn we got to hunt any ghosts—in daylight?"

The Spirit chuckled. He was a tall, lean, poised young man in a dark blue serge, with a dark blue mask shadowing his face. In the eyes of the law he was an outlaw, but to those whose lives he had saved by his cool brain and cold daring, this Spirit was the very representative of true justice.

"Ebony," The Spirit said, "if you can locate any ghosts that walk in daylight, I'll oblige you by hunting them in daylight. But Mr. Sessions insists these ghosts walk only late at night. Commissioner Dolan doesn't seem interested in haunted houses nowadays, with Petro Pete's mob lifting everything movable right under the noses of the police. But bring a free lance, so to speak, I can indulge my curiosity at will. And Ebony, stop snapping your fingers. We want to be quiet about this."

"Dose," Ebony said with dignity, "ain't mah fingers. Dose are mah lil' ol' tee' chatters."

They slipped quietly into the dark house. Until recently, the house had been occupied by a Mr. Sessions and his family. But night after night the sound of ghostly feet galloping swiftly up and down the walls had driven them out. Sessions had gone to the police but Commissioner Dolan had dismissed his story with a snort. Only The Spirit, by some hidden sense, guessed a deeper motive behind the hauntings.

Now, crouching in the thick darkness of the bedroom, The Spirit pressed Ebony down beside him and waited. Almost immediately it began. First a sound like the pattering of small feet filled the darkness, running swiftly up and

down a section of wall close by. In a shaft of moonlight, The Spirit could clearly see that nothing was moving against the wall. He got up and peered into the adjoining room. Here, too, the wall was empty but the sound of the feet went on.

Mice, The Spirit thought, or perhaps rats. As if to answer his guess the sound changed from a soft pattering to a heavy *thud-thud-thud*. Beside him, Ebony moaned and shivered as the thudding steps walked slowly and purposefully up and down the empty wall. Then there was a soft *knock-knock*, a pause, and more pacing steps.

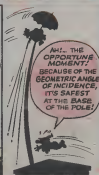
Suddenly The Spirit leaped to his feet and ran on quiet toes to the attic stairway. He darted up those stairs and through the door above. A flashlight in his hand clicked on and a beam of clear light outlined three startled figures crouched around the low-hung eaves of the house.

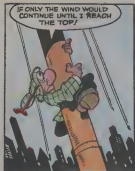
"Get him," somebody yelled, "before he can spread an alarm."

Three burly figures hurled themselves forward. The light went out and, like a phantom, The Spirit darted aside. His fist lashed out. There were three sodden cracks, followed by the sound of falling bodies. As the light clicked on again, Ebony burst up the stairs, panting and shaking, yet wielding an immense and iron like a club. "Awright, you ol' ghosts, you," Ebony panted. "You let mah Mist' Spirit Boss alone or I'm gonna flatten you into jes' plain shadows."

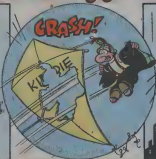
"Hold it, Ebony," the Spirit chuckled. "Here are your ghosts—Petro Pete and his two pals, laid out cold. You can go call Dolan and have him bring a paddy wagon out for them." He smiled, turning the light beam toward a row of small boxes, each tied to a coil of light rope on the floor. "Being a Spirit myself, I was sure no ghosts were cutting in on my haunting preserves. I experimented a bit this afternoon and discovered that lowering heavy boxes down between the walls of a house sound just like feet tramping up and down. I remembered Petro Pete always vanished in this neighborhood and guessed he'd pick a remote house like this to hide his loot."

Ebony drew a deep breath. "Dat jest goes to show," he said, "dat if houses is haunted by ghosts, ghosts is haunted by De Spirit."





The Spirit





The Spirit



The Spirit

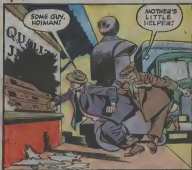
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by  
Will Eisner



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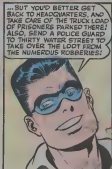




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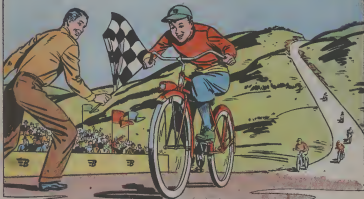


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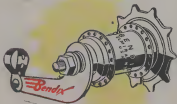




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